

A  
TESTIMONY  
AGAINST  
Drunkenness  
AND  
SWEARING, &c.

With a *Postscript* unto all such as have any Tenderness of Heart or Conscience, either Male or Female, or any Fear of God in you, and are Grieved at the ABOMINATIONS that you daily hear and see amongst your Families and Neighbours, in what COUNTRY or NATION soever.

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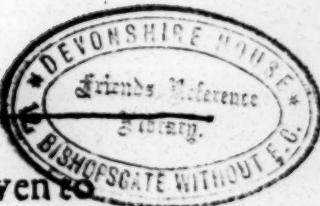
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To a People much given to

# Drunkenness AND SWEARING, &c.

**A**Visitation and warning from the Lord God of Heaven and Earth, unto all you Drunkards, who are strong to drink Strong Drink, and who drink till ye are inflamed therewith, and your Tongues utter Folly and Perverseness, glutting your selves with the Good Creatures of God, and Abusing them which are given to be received in his Fear with Thankfulness, and to be used in his Wisdom, and in Moderation, to his Glory; for which End all things were made and created, ; and not to be Consumed and Wasted upon your Excessive Lusts, to the Dishonour of God (and the Name of Christianity), and to the Grieving his pure Spirit (his Witness in you), which you make merry over, and trample under foot the Pearl of great Price, worse then the Swine and Beasts that perish,whilst many of your poor Fellow-Creatures are ready to Starve and

Perish for Want. Do ye think or believe there is no Just God, who will Reward every one according to his Deeds done in his Body, or that ye shall not be called to an Account for these things? How dare you take his Holy Name in your Mouthes, and profess your selves to be *Christians*, who are so filled with Wickednes, &c. as, *Oaths, Lying, Drunkenness, Sottishness, Pride and Vanity*, exceeding the *Turks, Infidels and Heathens* in your Abominations, who will rise up in Judgment against you in the Day of your Account?

• Wo unto the D R U N K A R D S of *England, Holland, Norway, Sweedland and Denmark*, saith the Lord God, who beholds your Sottishness, Brutishness, Deceit and Abominations, who have greatly Abused his tender Mercies, and make a Wrong Use of his Long-suffering and Kindness towards you by these your Doings; and ye have no Cloak for your Sins; but Condemnation is your Portion, and Wo and Misery will be your End forever, without speedy Repentance.

What Lamentation shall I take up for you, O ye Rebellious and Stiff-necked People, who live in Fulness, Pride and Abundance of Idleness! The Sins of *Sodom* (whom God destroyed) do even cry against you, (as *Isaiah* did against the Drunkards of *Ephraim*), *We to the Crown of Pride, to the Drunkards of Ephraim; they shall be trodden under foot, even the Crown and Pride of the Drunkards of Ephraim: we have Erred because of Wine, and are out of the way because of Strong Drink: The priest*

Priest and the Prophet have erred because of Strong Drink ; they are swallowed up with wine ; they have gone astray through Strong Drink ; they fail in Vision ; they slumber in Judgment ; for all their Tables are full of filthy Vomitings ; no Place is clean. Thus did that Holy Man of God declare against their Sottishness, Drunkenness, Pride, Excess and Uncleanness, as moved of the Lord, by his holy Spirit, in his Day ; and thus am I moved of the God of Heaven at this time to declare against you, and to warn you all, both Priests, Rulers and People, in whom the same Beastly Life & Ungodly Practices are found : Ye are an Evil Example in your Generation, and you grieve God's Spirit, and cumber his Ground worse then the Fruitless Fig-tree ; and a Stink you will be to Posterity, and your Memorial will be an Abhorrence through Ages to the Upright in Heart, and your End will be Everlasting Destruction and Misery, if ye Repent not speedily ; *the Lord hath spoken it.*

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**A**ND now unto all you that have any Tenderness of Heart or Conscience, either Male or Female, or any Fear of God in you, and are grieved at the Abominations that you daily hear and see amongst your Families or Neighbours, in what Country or Nation soever you are.

This is the Counsel of the Lord unto you, Stand Still, be Still and Low in your Minds, and encline your Heart and Ear to that which you feel grieved in you ; for its the Seed that God loveth, that is Oppressed and Burdened with the Filthy Conversation of the Wicked ; its pure, and clean and holy ; Defilement grieves and burdens it, as *Lot in Sodom*.

Therefore in Patience wait, in pure Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness, in the Fear of God, Low and Tender, and in due time Deliverance will come to his Chosen : Therefore faint not, thou Worm *Jacob*, thy Helper is near thee : Blessed are the Poor in Spirit, theirs is the Heavenly Kingdom of Everlasting Rest, Peace & Comfort.

So, believe in the True Light, which manifesteth and reproveth Sin and Evil, and obey it, that thou mayest become a Child of Light (as Christ said) an Heir of Light and Life of the Promises which.

which are all in Christ Jesus, the *True Light of the World, which lighteth every one that cometh into the World*; and so will the Darknes vanish away and thy Bondage, and thy Soul be freed from the Thraldom of the Power of Satan; and then thou wilt Praise the God of thy Salvation in the Land of the Living: Therefore consult not, reason not with Flesh and Blood, which must never enter God's Kingdom; neither be discouraged at Hardships and Tryals; look not out at any VISIBLE Things, but to the Invisible God alone for Help, the Everlasting Hill from whence Salvation cometh; feel it near thee, thou Tender One; for unto thee this is the Counsel and Words of the Lord, who is no Respecter of Persons, but *in every Nation whosoever feareth God & worketh Righteousness, is accepted of him, and none else; for without Holiness no man shall see the Lord in Peace.*

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